

7/14/04

Mr. Jay G. Burrup.
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Dear Mr. Burrup:

I was substantially delayed in replying to your 5/5/04 letter before I could obtain copies of the only known examples of the BORUP & OAKES 1854 paper money. Copies are enclosed. You will note that Theodor Borup was in St Paul, Minnesota and spells his name slightly different from yours.

The text of the notes was modified by engraving the denomination instead of leaving the areas open for handwritten fill in.

If this is part of your family they were "making" lots of money.

If this is part of your family I will try to copy some of the letters involving the Oakes family as they must be relatives.

Your prior information is appreciated and I am now in correspondence with the jail guard (former) of Mark Hoffman as to coin and paper money counterfeiting. This former guard now makes replicas of Mormon coinage, etc., using some of Hoffman's equipment. He has just written a book entitled "Mormonatic Forgery."

My numismatic research leads me into strange paths.

My best,

Eric P Newman

FROM THE DESK OF ERIC P. NEWMAN